# WHAT'S UP, DACC?

LATEST NEWS FROM OUR ANIMAL CARE CENTERS



#### **COVID-19 SERVICE CHANGES**

Through the month of June, the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) will continue its business practice of strategically managed animal intake.

Adoptions and return of lost pets to owners continue, but are being done by appointment to ensure responsible physical distancing and to promote health and safety for staff and residents.

## EFFICIENCY STUDY FINDINGS PRESENTED TO CONTRACT CITIES

On June 9, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors approved the implementation of the new billing methodology for Contract Cities.

This new methodology will be implemented in Fiscal Year 2021–22 for each of DACC's contract cities.

## LIVE ANIMAL OUTCOMES

**MAY 2020** 

## 231 OTHER ANIMALS

## **822 DOGS**



**Matilda** from the Baldwin Park ACC was placed into her new foster home on May 30.

This sweet 3-year old, assessed as being calm and having medium energy, is available for adoption by appointment! (ID: A5168253)



The bearded dragon, **Jules**, was adopted from

Agoura on May 10!



Also from Agoura, Potbelly **Ozzie** was adopted on May 12!

## **808 CATS**



Two-month old, **Jet**, was adopted from the Castaic ACC on May 18, 2020.



For the month of June, residents can adopt an animal from any of our animal care centers for the cost of a pet license, plus a refundable spay and neuter deposit. The current environment where more people are staying home provides the opportunity for families to engage with new pets and help them acclimate to their new homes. If you have been considering adoption, now is the time!

This is made possible thanks to a grant award received by the Petco Foundation dedicated to supporting life-saving animal efforts.

#### PETCO GRANT MATCH CAMPAIGN

Sara, the beautiful black kitty featured below, was adopted from the Agoura Animal Care Center (ACC) a few years ago. She and her owner developed a strong bond and it appeared as though Sara had found her forever home.

Sadly, Sara's owner became ill and needed an oxygen concentrator to support her. Being a curious cat, Sara found the oxygen tubing to be of great interest and began to regularly chew through it. With a heavy heart, Sara's owner found no other option but to return her best friend to Agoura.

Sara was clearly not comfortable being back in the kennel environment, and did not seem to thrive despite daily visits from staff and volunteers. Staff became concerned about her, realizing that Sara was used to having a home and an owner to keep her company.

On May 6, 2020, a family visited Agoura in search of a new cat for their home. When asked by a staff member what exactly they were looking for, the daughter responded, "A cat who will cuddle me." The staff member decided to share the story of Sara and how much Sara enjoyed sleeping with her former owner.

The family decided to meet Sara who began purring as soon as she was paired with the daughter. The match between Sara and this young lady was nothing short of perfect.



Sara's former owner shed tears of happiness upon learning of Sara's adoption. She was so glad to hear that her best friend had found her new forever home. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Petco Foundation announced a relief grant funding opportunity for animal agencies across the nation. On May 7, 2020, DACC was officially selected as one of the agencies that would be funded, with a potential grant match award of \$25,000 to support animal lifesaving efforts in response to COVID-19.

The fundraising campaign officially began on June 1 and will continue until June 30, 2020. DACC is partnering with it's non-profit organization, the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation, to help promote the campaign and engage potential donors. Although DACC's goal is to meet the \$25,000 maximum, DACC will receive matching funds for any lower amount that it raises.

You can help support our campaign today by visiting the link below, choosing how much you'd like to donate, and entering "Petco Grant" as your reason for giving. Since this is a matching campaign, all donations will be doubled!

#### **DONATE TODAY!**

https://lacountyanimals.org/give/

Thank you on behalf of DACC and all of the wonderful animals we serve!



# ACTIVITIES IN MAY

## **MAY 12**

For his 11th birthday, a resident named **Tristan** generously decided to donate \$300 of his own money to help support dogs at the Downey Animal Care Center!



## **MAY 20**

DACC received a **donation of 200 animal foster kits from the GreaterGood Foundation**. These kits
will be distributed to animal foster providers who
temporarily take DACC animals into their care.



### MAY 1

Pet Stop Veterinary Outpatient donated supplies to the Castaic Animal Care Center to **support DACC's animal foster program**.



## **MAY 15**

Director Marcia Mayeda was featured on KABC where she provided information on DACC's service changes in response to COVID-19.



Click **HERE** to view the full interview!

## MAY 30

The Baldwin Park ACC donated pet supplies to support Project Roomkey sites. Project Roomkey provides secure hotel and motel rooms temporarily for individuals experiencing homelessness.



